

WILLIAM COOLEY.

MAY 25, 1842.

Read, and laid upon the table.

Mr. COWEN, from the Committee of Claims, made the following

REPORT:

*The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of William Cooley, report :*

That this claim is for damages sustained by the destruction of his property by Indians in January, 1840, in the Territory of Florida. The principle has been so often recognised by this committee, that the United States are not bound to make compensation for damages sustained by the depredations of hostile Indians upon the property of the citizen while in his possession and occupancy, that nothing further need be added.

The committee therefore recommend to the House for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved,* That the petitioner is not entitled to relief.

